

Gearing Up for the Fall

I hope you enjoyed the summer! For me, while the Board of Supervisors was on break in August, it remained a busy month as I continued to work with County staff on projects, constituent issues and met with stakeholders in our community.

On September 28 (Friday) I will be holding a community meeting on my Davis Drive initiative from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Unitarian church located at 22135 Davis Drive in Sterling. County transportation staff will provide a presentation and update on the initiative. Other stakeholders will be present, such as state transportation officials and local law enforcement. If you live in the area I encourage you to attend. Public input is important and helps make the final outcome better. After all, no one knows the area better than the people who live there. If you are unable to attend in person, but would still like to share your thoughts, please reach out to my office at Koran.Saines@loudoun.gov or by phone at 703-777-0204. I welcome as much feedback as possible.

I also wanted to provide an update on Jennings Farm Drive/Maple Leaf Place. As mentioned previously, unfortunately bureaucratic and legal red tape slowed down the project. However, the project has now moved to the procurement phase so I am hopeful it will be completed in the coming months. Moreover, to avoid such occurrences in the future I will be working to pass legislation to amend the portion of the Virginia Code that created this problem when the Virginia General Assembly returns next year. There is no reason such projects should take this long.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about these or other matters feel free to reach out to me at Koran.Saines@loudoun.gov or by calling 703-777-0204. We love to hear from constituents and working with you to make Sterling a better place.



Visualize 2045 Open House

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board will be hosting several Open Houses to provide information about the future of transportation in the Washington metropolitan area. The Open House closest to Sterling will be held on September 17 at the

Virginia Department of Transportation office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. It will run from 4:00-7:00 pm. More information can be found at visualize2045.org. To request disability-related accommodations go here or call or call (202) 962-3300 or (202) 962-3213 (TDD).

Chair Randall to Hold Faith-Based Substance Abuse Information Session & Training

Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall is hosting a faith-based substance abuse information and training session for faith leaders. Since many people turn to faith leaders for personal crises this session aims to



ensure faith leaders have the information to detect substance abuse and awareness of all the resources available to help deal with the issue. This will be held on September 6 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Capital Community Church located at 20430 Ashburn Village Blvd. in Ashburn. To RSVP contact Elizabeth Bennis at Elizabeth.Bennis@loudoun.gov.



Migration and Refugee Services Group Seeks Help

Supervisor Saines met recently with staff from the Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington's Migration and Refugee Services ("MRS") office. MRS serves migrants legally in the U.S. who are approved refugees and asylees.

The majority of MRS clients for the past few years are Iraqis and Afghans entering the U.S. on specific Special Immigrant Visas. These brave men and women obtained these visas after they

served alongside U.S. armed forces, embassy security, and development staff in those warzones and now find their lives at risk because of that service. Along with assisting these newcomers and their families with immediate needs – securing housing, furniture and household goods, for instance – MRS continues to help clients with long-term needs: helping them improve their English language skills, engaging their children in enrichment activities, becoming self-sufficient, and assisting them on the road to U.S. citizenship.

Several of their clients live in Leesburg, Loudoun County, and all along the Route 28 corridor. MRS is especially in need of volunteers to work directly with clients as adult ESL and student homework tutors, drivers, and job coaches. They also need donated PCs (Windows 7 or later, new or used in good condition) that MRS can pass on to clients to use in their job search and for kid's homework. You can learn more about the work of MRS and the volunteer opportunities available at www.ccda.net. For PC donations to MRS, call 703.258.5084.

Teacher Interest Night

Loudoun County Public Schools ("LCPS") will be hosting a teacher interest night on October 2 at 5:30 pm in Room 100B of the LCPS administration building located at 21000 Education Court in Ashburn. This will cover the Career Switcher Alternative Route to License Program, which allows professionals from other careers to teach in Virginia. You can register here.





SterlingFest 2018

The Sterling Foundation will hold its 31st annual SterlingFest on October 6 in front of the Sterling Community Center. The event will feature music, arts, food and attractions. This will include a Beer Garden with offerings from local breweries for adults and a petting zoo with animals from Leesburg Animal Park for children.

SterlingFest is the primary annual fundraiser for the Sterling Foundation. This is an opportunity to have fun while

supporting an important Sterling nonprofit. There is no entrance fee. Additional information about the event can be found at sterlingfest.org.

Coding Fun with Scientists

The Sterling Library will offer an

opportunity for children to learn about coding on September 8 from 1:00-2:00 in the afternoon. Scientists from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute will provide lessons for children in 4th through 6th grade. You can RSVP by contacting mercerm@janelia.hhmi.org. Additional information can be found here.



Introduction to Medicare

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The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging will provide an overview of Medicare insurance on September 12 at the Sterling Library from 7:00-

8:00 pm. Topics covered will include enrollment, deadlines, coverage options, eligibility, and financial assistance.

Women Giving Back Case Manager & Social Worker Open House

Women Giving Back will hold an open house where case managers and social workers will share resources available to help families on October 5 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at 20 Export Drive in Sterling. Lunch will be provided. Exhibitor space remains available and you do



not necessarily have to be a case manager or social worker to participate. For more information email nicole@womenqivingback.org.



Do No Harm Documentary

On October 4, at 7:30 pm local activists will present a special screening of *Do No Harm* at Dulles Town Center 10. *Do No Harm* chronicles how the opioid crisis began, the toll it has taken, and how people are fighting against it.

September Activities at Claude Moore Park

September 9

Open Houses for Historic Lanesville House and Frogshackle Nature Center 1-3 pm

September 22

Fall Festival and Friends of Claude Moore Park Photo Expo 10 am - 4 pm

Please call 571-258-3700 for more information.





Upcoming Events

September 7: Parent's Night Out 5:00-9:00 PM at Dulles South Recreation & Community Center located at 24950 Riding Center Drive in South Riding. Parents can enjoy a night out while children ages 3-14 can watch a movie, work on crafts, enjoy other activities and eat pizza. Ages 6+ can also climb a wall and swim. There is a \$20 charge for the first child and a \$10 charge for additional children. You can

register here. Call 571-258-3456 for more information.

September 8: Community Yard Sale 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Sterling Community Center. Admission is free for shoppers but vendors must register and pay a \$10 fee in advance. Registration can be done here. Call 703-430-9480 for more information.

September 8: Dog Swim 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM will allow dogs of all ages and breeds to swim in a dogs only setting. This event will be held at Lovettsville Community Pool located at 57 E. Broad Way in Lovettsville. The \$5 is payable at the door. No registration is required but County dog licenses are mandatory. Call 540-822-5284 or e-mail Lovec@loudoun.gov for more information.

September 11: Sterling Foundation Monthly Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm at the Sterling Community Center. The public is invited to attend and learn about the Sterling Foundation's upcoming efforts and activities.

September 25: Stewards of Children Training at the Ashburn library located at 43316 Hay Road. This event is free. Doors open at 6:45 and the training will begin at 7:00. The training will be held in room B and be listed under Stomp Out the Silence.

September 26: Sterling Foundation's Dine Out Fundraiser 5:00 PM to 9:00 at Joe's Pizzaria & Subs located at 22360 S Sterling Blvd # 103.

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